

NEED FOR CARE IN CADDIE RULINGS

**Tourneys Would Be a
Serious Mistake.**

The question has been raised—and by the ladies answered—as to the propriety of having as caddies in the big tournaments older boys who, having earned clubs after they were 16 years of age, have the ranking of a professional in name if not in playing ability. Not only in the tourney which is held around New York but in other sections of the country, the stand has been taken.

There is no denying that there are presented very good arguments in favor of the move which has been made recently, but the reasons for sticking to the old time system seem to outweigh those advanced by the ladies' committees. It is said that the lady who has the better service is the one who is able to choose the club and so on, and that the choice of club and so on, is an advantage which makes defeat for the opponent more certain. Since there are not enough of such caddies to ground there must needs be the charge of favoritism and perhaps a bidding

We doubt if such a move is practicable among the men golfers. It has been admitted for years that it is not proper sportsmanship for a player in a championship tourney to have a recognized professional at a club caddy for him. It is only for the reason that there is then a mixture of amateur and professional advice in an amateur event. The fact that nine out of ten of the caddies in a big tournament are professionals is a name because they have kept at it. Caddying game after becoming is a different matter. Mighty few are able to give the sort of advice which helps and the snap of their words are the purest.

But there are better reasons for needing the services of the older boys, reasons which some of the ladies know are good and sound but which have been for the present overruled. The older caddie knows that a lost ball means the loss of the hole and he governs his acts accordingly. He seldom if ever loses a ball.

have lost holes in important matches or qualifying rounds because they had caddies young fellows who did not appreciate the importance of marking the flag and the spot where the ball landed. Nothing is more exasperating or so nervously wracking for a player as to lose a ball in a qualifying round. It puts him in a mood to miss both the next drive and the next putt and breaks him all up so he has a chance to qualify.

Commodore Byron Heard of Texas at
for the first round was given a poor
caddies, young boys. They did
see the ball at all on the first hole
they lost one on the second. The Com
modore looked at me and said:
"If we don't watch each other's sho
we'll have a dozen lost balls."
This after he had been given a big
of another player going to another ho
than his own. So we went back for a fo
caddy, and from that time on improv

The caddy is an important cog in the golfing play, but when he doesn't realize that fact he is only a drag. And our belief is that nine out of every ten your caddies fill this latter definition.

for he can give advice which is more valuable; the product of the two heads is, much better than one, and the outcome of the game may well be the result of such combinations. In 1921 Eben M. Byers went through to the final and won the championship of the

Then the critical moments in the various matches came gave off him confidence, wisdom and enthusiasm and brought the player through to victory. In that journey there were no fewer than several club professionals who called for well known golfers, and the

Older Boys Are Needed.

placed upon those coaches who must be living by following in the wake of the players at the big meetings because they give a player a bit more confidence and at times a modicum of advice and inspiration which helps mightily. Many a player has been helped to recover his nerve and fight to the finish by the

The argument was advanced recently that the ladies did not hit the ball so much as the men because they were not strong enough to lose it, but I can name a few dozen who are tournament players.

and less interest in the game with
passing year, and for that reason
to get and keep the caddies who
their game.

Of late the ladies have got just about
what they wanted from the U. S. G.

ask the ruling body to frame a rule whereby in national championships the use of caddies who do not belong to the club roster where the championship being held will be forbidden. What the national body would do in a case of this kind is of course uncertain, but it

SCHRUBB OFF FOR ENGLAND.
MONTREAL, June 12.—Alfred Shrubb, long distance runner, sailed to-day for England on the steamship Canada to train the Oxford team for its races with the Princeton.

SOCCER FINAL TO-DAY.

The Metropolitan and District Football League will wind up the soccer season this afternoon with the Royal Neator Cup final between Tebo Yacht Basin and the Astoria Football Club at the Athletic Field in Summer Park. The kickoff will be at 2 o'clock.

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